

भारतीय मानक

IS 10559 : 2023

*Indian Standard*

---

---

## जोटर बॉल प्वाइंट पेन — विशिष्टि

( पहला पुनरीक्षण )

## Jotter Ball Point Pens — Specification

( *First Revision* )

ICS 87.080

© BIS 2023

---

---



भारतीय मानक ब्यूरो

BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS

मानक भवन, 9 बहादुर शाह ज़फर मार्ग, नई दिल्ली - 110002  
MANAK BHAVAN, 9 BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG  
NEW DELHI - 110002

[www.bis.gov.in](http://www.bis.gov.in) [www.standardsbis.in](http://www.standardsbis.in)

July 2023

Price Group 5

## FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (First Revision) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards after the draft finalized by the Printing Inks, Stationery and Allied Products Sectional Committee had been approved by the Chemical Division Council.

This Indian Standard was originally published in 1983. In this first revision, Reference clause has been incorporated. Also, Packing and Marking clause has been updated.

This standard covers the requirements of essential materials, dimensions necessary for interchangeability and functional tests to ensure good writing quality and reasonable life.

IS 10560 is a necessary adjunct to this standard.

The composition of the Committee responsible for formulation of this standard is given in Annex C.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2 : 2022 ‘Rules for rounding off numerical values (*second revision*)’. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

*Indian Standard*

# JOTTER BALL POINT PENS — SPECIFICATION

*( First Revision )*

## 1 SCOPE

This standard covers the requirements for single refill jotter ball point pens.

## 2 REFERENCES

The standards given below contain provisions which through reference in this text, constitute provision of this standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision and parties to agreements based on this standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of these standards:

IS No.	Title
IS 1848 (Part 1) : 2018	Writing and printing papers — Specification: Part 1 Account book, azure lead, bond, cream laid and cream wove/printing white/printing coloured/printing offset, printing maplitho, printing white super calendered and typewriting types ( <i>fifth revision</i> )
IS 2267 : 1995	Polystyrene moulding and extrusion materials — Specification ( <i>second revision</i> )
IS 4905 : 2015/ ISO 24153 : 2009	Random sampling and randomization procedures ( <i>first revision</i> )
IS 10560 : 1983	Specification for jotter ball pen refills

## 3 MATERIAL

**3.1** The materials used in the manufacture of jotter ball point pens shall be either metal with suitable corrosion resistant finish or plastics or both. The plastics used shall be either cellulose acetate-butylate or hard grade polypropylene or acrylic nitrile butadiene styrene or Type 3 polystyrene conforming to IS 2267. It shall satisfy the flammability test specified in **5.6** and the

accelerated ageing test specified in **5.5**.

**3.1.1** Metal parts shall pass the corrosion test specified in **5.7**.

**3.1.2** The spring used shall be made of spring steel or phosphor bronze wire and shall pass the test specified in **5.8**.

## 4 REQUIREMENTS

**4.1** The length of the body (barrel) of the jotter ball point pen shall suit the length of the refill as well as the actuating mechanism so that the writing tip of the refill, when lowered, shall project not less than 2.5 mm and not more than 3.5 mm. The barrel shall preferably be of round shape, uniformly tapered and smoothly finished, so as to provide a comfortable finger grip while writing. Diameter of the barrel shall be such that there is sufficient space for movement of the refill.

**4.2** The threads used in various mating parts shall be well formed and shall screw well. The threaded portion of barrel and cap shall be minimum 1 cm. The mated parts shall not have any shake or play. The threads shall be interchangeable with parts of the same make and all parts of the pen of same type and make shall be interchangeable.

**4.3** The barrel, the cap, the actuating mechanism and the orifice for the writing tip shall all be concentric and well aligned.

**4.4** When the refill is to be replaced, no part of the actuating mechanism shall become disassembled and fall from the barrel or the cap.

**4.5** The actuating mechanism shall be such that there shall be no failure in either clicking, refilling or retracting it. It shall pass the functional test specified in **5.9**.

**4.6** A pocket clip shall be suitably affixed with the cap of the pen. The tip of the clip shall be rounded smooth so that it does not tear the cloth when clipped in and out and shall have a reasonably tight grip. The clip shall neither rotate on its axis nor

shall it be loose when mounted. It shall pass the functional test specified in **5.3**.

**4.7** The refill used shall conform to IS 10560. The jotter ball point pen fully assembled (including the refill) shall be sound in every respect and shall pass the impact test specified in **5.10** and the load test specified in **5.11**.

**4.8** The finish of external and internal surface shall be smooth, free from defects and shall not have scratches, blisters, pits, sharp edges. The clip shall be finished smooth and shall be free from all defects. The metallic clip shall be plated suitably.

## 5 TESTS

### 5.1 Starting Test

An unused pen shall be kept in the vertical position with the refill propelled and the writing tip up for 30 min. The pen shall now be tested by drawing it 200 mm across a sheet of white super calendered printing paper or cream laid or cream wove paper conforming to [IS 1848 (Part 1)] at a rate of approximately 100 mm/sec with normal writing pressure. The pen shall start drawing the continuous line within a distance of 15 mm from the starting point.

### 5.2 Freedom from Clogging

The pen is kept in the vertical position with the refill propelled and the writing tip up for 4 h. When the refill of the pen is retracted and the pen is kept in the horizontal position for 4 h, the pen shall again satisfy the requirements of starting test.

### 5.3 Clip Action

The clip shall be lifted 4 mm from the surface of the cap and then released. The clip shall return to the original position touching the surface of the cap. After this test is repeated 100 times, the clip shall hold a sheet of paper without scratching it.

### 5.4 Body and Cap Tightness

The pen shall be uncapped and capped to normal tightness 50 times. After this test, the mated parts shall not shake or play and the pen shall write normally and its actuating mechanism shall function properly.

### 5.5 Accelerated Ageing Test

Different parts of the pen made of plastics material shall pass the accelerated ageing test when subjected to the temperature cycle as specified

below:

Sl No.	Time	Temperature
(1)	(2)	(3)
i)	2 h	-10 ± 1 °C
ii)	4 h	0 ± 1 °C
iii)	4 h	50 ± 1 °C
iv)	4 h	0 ± 1 °C
v)	4 h	50 ± 1 °C
vi)	7 days	27 ± 1 °C

The material shall not warp, crack, discolour or get deformed after the test.

### 5.6 Flammability Test

The specimens of the plastics of the jotter pens shall be prepared and tested in accordance with the method given in Annex A. They shall be deemed to have passed the test if they are flame-resistant, self-extinguishing or slow burning.

### 5.7 Corrosion Resistance Test

The metallic parts shall be subjected to a corrosion resistance test as follows:

The metal parts shall be dipped in a boiling 10 percent (*w/w*) aqueous solution of sodium chloride for a period of 15 min. After removal from this solution, they shall be immersed in a 10 percent aqueous solution of sodium chloride at, room temperature, for 1 h. They shall then be removed, wiped with a soft cloth and allowed to dry for 24 h at room temperature. The metal parts shall not show any visible signs of corrosion.

### 5.8 Compression Test on Spring

Compress the spring fully and release it for 25 times. The spring shall show neither any permanent set nor lose its action.

### 5.9 Functional Test

The refill in the pen shall be propelled and retracted successively and quickly 50 times by operating the actuating mechanism. The pen shall function normally after the test and the actuating mechanism shall not be damaged.

### 5.10 Hardness Test

A sheet of paper shall be placed on a platform scale. The sample pen, 'with the refill propelled shall be held between 3.2 mm and 3.8 mm from the writing end at an angle of 50° from the horizontal

without hand touching the paper. The force of 9 kg shall be applied gradually and uniformly within a period of approximately 5 s and immediately released. The tip shall then be examined under microscope and there shall not be any major deformation on the tip.

### **5.11 Load Test**

When the pen, with the refill propelled, is pressed for five min against a hard, surface, such as a glass sheet placed horizontally with a force not less than 2 kg (20 N approx) applied gradually at right angles to the horizontal hard surface while holding the pen between 30 mm to 40 mm from the ball end and keeping it at an angle of 50° from the horizontal, the pen shall neither break nor its parts get disassembled.

## **6 SAMPLING**

Sampling procedure and acceptance criteria for jotter ball point pens shall be as agreed to between the purchaser and the supplier. A recommended scheme for the same is given in Annex B.

## **7 PACKAGING AND MARKING**

### **7.1 Packaging**

The material shall be packed in closed containers

as agreed to between the purchaser and the supplier.

### **7.2 Marking**

The packages shall be securely closed and bear legibly and indelibly the following information:

- a) Name and grade of the material;
- b) Name of the manufacturer and his recognized trade mark, if any;
- c) Gross and net mass;
- d) Date of manufacture; and
- e) Batch number.

#### *7.2.1 BIS Certification Marking*

The product(s) conforming to the requirements of this standard may be certified as per the conformity assessment schemes under the provisions of the *Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016* and the Rules and Regulations framed there under, and the products may be marked with the Standard Mark.

## ANNEX A

(Clause 5.6)

## TEST FOR FLAMMABILITY

## A-1 GENERAL

## A-1.1 Outline of the Method

The specimen is clamped in horizontal position. A flame is applied for 10 s and the specimen allowed to burn; the time taken for the edge of the flame to travel 100 mm is measured.

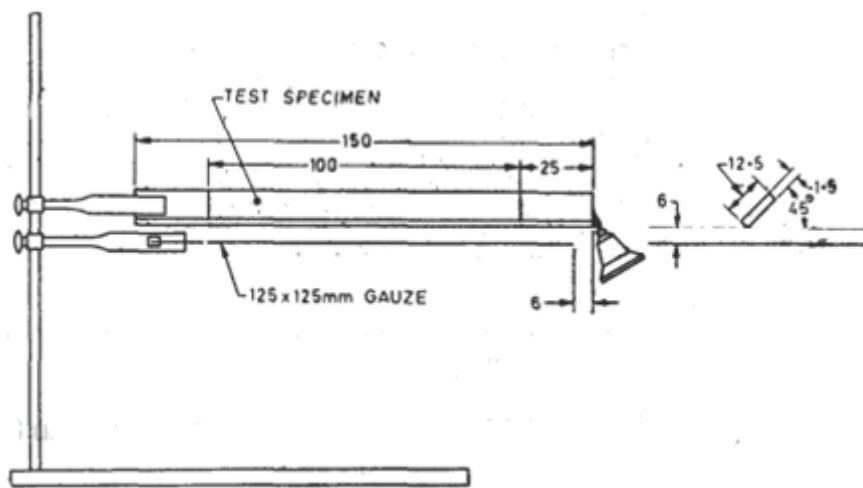
## A-2 TEST SPECIMEN

**A-2.1** The specimen shall be 150 mm × 12.5 mm × 1.5 mm. Two lines shall be drawn across the specimen one at 25 mm and the other at 125 mm from one end. At least three specimens shall be

used.

## A-3 PROCEDURE

**A-3.1** The test is carried out in a draught-free atmosphere. It shall be clamped in a rigid support at one end so that its longitudinal axis is horizontal and its transverse axis is at 45° to the horizontal and the two lines are clearly visible. A piece of 125 mm square clean wire gauze is clamped in horizontal position 6 mm below the specimen with 6 mm of the unsupported end of the specimen projecting beyond the edge of the gauze as shown in Fig. 1.



All dimensions are in millimetres

FIG.1 SPECIMEN UNDER TEST FOR RATE OF BURNING

**A-3.2** An alcohol lamp (spirit lamp) with a non-luminous flame 12 mm to 20 mm in height shall be placed under the free end of the specimen so that the top of the flame just touches it. The flame shall be removed after 10 s and specimen allowed to burn. The time taken for the edge of the flame to travel the distance of 100 mm between the two lines shall be measured with a stop-watch and the rate of burning of the specimen in millimetres per minute calculated therefrom. The rate of burning of the material shall be the arithmetic mean of the

results obtained on three specimens. Any specimen which does not burn to the second mark shall be discarded and replaced. If three consecutive specimens do not burn to the second mark, the material shall be reported as resistant to flame propagation. If three specimens do not burn to the second mark and show no flame or after-glow 5 s after the burner has been removed, the material is deemed to be self-extinguishing. If the specimens continue to burn at a rate of less than 65 mm per minute, the material is slow burning.

## ANNEX B

(Clause 6)

**SAMPLING SCHEME AND CRITERIA FOR CONFORMITY FOR JOTTER BALL POINT PENS****B-1 LOT**

**B-1.1** In any consignment, all the jotter ball point pens of the same type and manufactured under similar conditions from the same raw material shall be grouped together to constitute a lot.

**B-1.2** For ascertaining the conformity to the requirement of the standard, samples of pen

shall be selected and tested separately from each lot.

**B-2 SAMPLING**

**B-2.1** The number of pens to be selected at random from the lot shall depend upon the size of the lot and shall be in accordance with co1 (1) and (2) of Table 1.

**Table 1 Sample Size and Criteria for Conformity**  
(Clause B-2.1)

SI No.	Lot Size	Requirements in 3.1 to 3.2		Tests in 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11	
		Sample Size	Acceptance Number	Sub-Sample Size	Acceptance Number
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
i)	up to 150	32	2	5	0
ii)	151 to 300	50	3	8	0
iii)	301 to 500	80	5	10	0
iv)	501 to 1 000	125	7	13	0
v)	1 001 to 3 000	200	10	15	1
vi)	3 001 and above	315	14	20	1

**B-2.2** The pens in the sample shall be selected at random from the lot and in order to ensure the randomness of selection, IS 4905 may be used.

**B-3 NUMBER OF TESTS AND CRITERIA FOR CONFORMITY**

**B-3.1** The pens selected according to **B-2.1** and **B-2.2** shall be inspected for requirements (3.1 to 3.8). A pen failing in any one or more of the requirements shall be considered as defective. The lot shall be considered as conforming to the requirements of the characteristics mentioned above, if the number of defective pens in the sample does not exceed the number given in co1 (3) of Table 1.

**B-3.2** The lot having been found conforming to **B-3.1**, shall be tested for starting test 5.1, freedom from clogging 5.2, clip action 5.3, body and cap tightness 5.4, compression test on spring 5.8, functional test 5.9, hardness test 5.10, and load test 5.11. For this purpose, a sub-sample of the size

given in co1 (4) of Table 1 shall be taken from pens selected as-for **B-2.1** and **B-2.2**. Each of the pens in the sub-sample shall be subjected to the tests mentioned above. A pen failing in any one or more of the tests shall be considered as defective. The lot shall be considered as conforming to the requirements of the tests if the number of defectives in a sub-sample does not exceed the number given in co1 (5) of Table 1.

**B-3.3** The lot having been found conforming to **B-3.2**, a sample of jotter pen shall be tested for accelerated ageing test 5.5, and corrosion resistance test 5.7. If it passes both the tests, the lot shall be considered as conforming to these requirements.

**B-3.4** If the lot is conforming to the requirement as mentioned in **B-3.3**, the flammability test (see 5.6) shall be carried out as given in Annex A.

**B-3.5** The lot shall be accepted if **B-3.1**, **B-3.2**, **B-3.3** and **B-3.4** are satisfied, otherwise rejected.

**ANNEX E**  
*(Foreword)*  
**COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

Printing Inks, Stationery and Allied Products Sectional Committee, CHD 14

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Representative(s)</i>
Govt Printing, Govt of West Bengal	SHRI SUBIR KUMAR MANDAL ( <b>Chairperson</b> )
All India Federation of Master Printers, New Delhi	SHRI HARJINDER SINGH
All India Printing Ink Manufacturers Association Limited, Mumbai	SHRI RAVINDRA GANDHI SHRI R SRIDHARAN ( <i>Alternate</i> )
All India Print-Tech Professionals Forum, Kolkata	SHRI PARTHA PRATIM SANYAL
Consumer Voice, New Delhi	SHRI M. A. U. KHAN SHRI K. C. CHAUDHARY ( <i>Alternate</i> )
DIC India Limited, Noida	SHRI U. CHOWDHURI SHRI SAROJ PANDA ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Directorate of Printing, New Delhi	SHRI D. K. JAIN SHRI K. K. PURI ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Flint Group, Noida	SHRI SANJEEV BANSAL SHRI DINESH AHUJA ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Government of Indian Stationery Office, Kolkata	SHRI BISHAMBER DHAR ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Hubergroup India Private Limited, Mumbai	SHRI RAJEEV SHARMA SHRI RAJEEV RANJAN ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Indian Institute of Packaging, New Delhi	DR TANWEER ALAM SHRI SUBODH KAMALAKAR JUIKAR ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Kokuyo Camlin Limited, Mumbai	SHRI MANIK J. SALUNKHE SHRIMATI SAYALI SURAJ SARFARE ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Kumarappa Handmade Paper, Jaipur	DR SAAKSHY AGARWAL
National Archives of India, New Delhi	SHRI RAM SWAROOP DR SUTAPA CHAKRAVARTY
National Test House, Ghaziabad	SHRI BUDDH PRAKASH
Ordnance Factory Ambajhari, Nagpur, Maharashtra	SHRI RAHUL KOMALKAR
Sakata Inx (India) Limited, New Delhi	SHRI VIJAY SHANKAR GUPTA SHRI SUNIL K. CHHABRA ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Security Printing and Minting Corporation India Limited, Delhi (SPMCIL)	SHRI S. MAHAPATRA DR D. K. RATH ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Shriram Institute for Industrial Research, Delhi	DR MANMOHAN KUMAR DR VINAY TYAGI ( <i>Alternate</i> )

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Representative(s)</i>
SICPA India Limited, New Delhi	SHRI ARUNVIG SHRI A. B. SACHAN ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Siegwerk Inks, Bhiwadi	SHRI JATIN TAKKAR DR JOERG PETER LANGHAMMER ( <i>Alternate</i> )
The Regional Institute of Printing Technology, Kolkata	SHRI SHANKHYA DEBNATH SHRI KRISHNENDU HALDER ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Times Group, New Delhi	SHRI SNEHASIS ROY SHRI ANUP KUMAR PAL ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Toyo Ink India Private Limited, Noida	SHRI K. S. MURTHY SHRI VIVEK RASTOGI ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Whale Stationery Products Limited, Delhi	SHRI MUKESH GUPTA SHRI ASEEM GUPTA ( <i>Alternate</i> )
Western Printing Group, Survey of India, Delhi	SHRI EQUERAR AHMAD
Yansefu Inks and Coating Private Limited, Gurugram	SHRI JITENDRA SHARMA SHRI NEELAKAMAL MOHAPATRA ( <i>Alternate</i> )
BIS Directorate General	SHRI A. K. LAL, SCIENTIST 'F'/SENIOR DIRECTOR AND HEAD (CHEMICAL) [REPRESENTING DIRECTOR GENERAL ( <i>Ex-officio</i> )]
<i>Member Secretary</i> SHRI SAGAR SINGH SCIENTIST 'D'/JOINT DIRECTOR (CHEMICAL), BIS	





## **Bureau of Indian Standards**

BIS is a statutory institution established under the *Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016* to promote harmonious development of the activities of standardization, marking and quality certification of goods and attending to connected matters in the country.

### **Copyright**

BIS has the copyright of all its publications. No part of these publications may be reproduced in any form without the prior permission in writing of BIS. This does not preclude the free use, in the course of implementing the standard, of necessary details, such as symbols and sizes, type or grade designations. Enquiries relating to copyright be addressed to the Head (Publication & Sales), BIS.

### **Review of Indian Standards**

Amendments are issued to standards as the need arises on the basis of comments. Standards are also reviewed periodically; a standard along with amendments is reaffirmed when such review indicates that no changes are needed; if the review indicates that changes are needed, it is taken up for revision. Users of Indian Standards should ascertain that they are in possession of the latest amendments or edition by referring to the website- [www.bis.gov.in](http://www.bis.gov.in) or [www.standardsbis.in](http://www.standardsbis.in).

This Indian Standard has been developed from Doc No.:CHD 14 (20169).

### **Amendments Issued Since Publication**

<b>Amend No.</b>	<b>Date of Issue</b>	<b>Text Affected</b>

## **BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS**

### **Headquarters:**

Manak Bhavan, 9 Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi 110002  
Telephones: 2323 0131, 2323 3375, 2323 9402

Website: [www.bis.gov.in](http://www.bis.gov.in)

### **Regional Offices:**

		<i>Telephones</i>
Central	: 601/A, Konnectus Tower -1, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor, DMRC Building, Bhavbhuti Marg, New Delhi 110002	{ 2323 7617
Eastern	: 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Plot No 7/7 & 7/8, CP Block, Sector V, Salt Lake, Kolkata, West Bengal 700091	{ 2367 0012 2320 9474
Northern	: Plot No. 4-A, Sector 27-B, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh 160019	{ 265 9930
Southern	: C.I.T. Campus, IV Cross Road, Taramani, Chennai 600113	{ 2254 1442 2254 1216
Western	: Plot No. E-9, Road No.-8, MIDC, Andheri (East), Mumbai 400093	{ 2821 8093

**Branches :** AHMEDABAD. BENGALURU. BHOPAL. BHUBANESHWAR. CHANDIGARH. CHENNAI.  
COIMBATORE. DEHRADUN. DELHI. FARIDABAD. GHAZIABAD. GUWAHATI.  
HIMACHAL PRADESH. HUBLI. HYDERABAD. JAIPUR. JAMMU & KASHMIR.  
JAMSHEDPUR. KOCHI. KOLKATA. LUCKNOW. MADURAI. MUMBAI. NAGPUR.  
NOIDA. PANIPAT. PATNA. PUNE. RAIPUR. RAJKOT. SURAT. VISAKHAPATNAM.